

The Shakerite

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Artists Display Ceramic Pieces

Five teachers in the art department of the Shaker schools have had their work accepted by the National Ceramic Exhibition which is being displayed at the Syracuse museum of fine arts. Among the exhibitors is Mr. Charles Jeffery.

This annual ceramic competition, which is the most important in the field, includes pottery, ceramic sculpture, and enameling on metal.

Part of the work is to be included in a traveling exhibit and will be shown throughout the country for the next year.

Hi-Y Holds Party

November 23, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Shaker Hi-Y is holding a closed party at Centerville Mills.

Lots of hard work and planning have gone into the organization of this affair to help make it a whooping success. For hungry Hi-Y members and their dates there will be fifty gallons of cider along with donuts, cake, and other refreshments.

The Hi-Y will furnish the records and serve as their own disc jockeys. For entertainment the Senior Chapter is planning a variety show.

What Do?— Some Know, Some Don't —Do You?

Trustees of the National Society for Shocking People by What They Know Anyway, creators of the world famous Ginsey Report, sent out a fearless interrogator to interview Shaker seniors regarding their plans for obtaining the pecuniary means necessary for proper mental and physical upkeep in the secondary stage of earthly residence. An exclusive preview of this research, part of a report designed to shock everyone not shocked by the first report, is given below.

Chuck Conant said, "Beats me!" An interview with John Berlick, renowned for stories of sometimes doubtful accuracy, produced more fruitful information. John, in a moment of unusual factualness, said that he plans to attend Miami University under the NROTC. After that he plans to become a naval career officer.

When Marian Fisher was asked what she would like to do for a living, she said, "As little as possible."

Mary Carol French on the other hand was more ambitious. She said she'd "Find myself a man!"

"Commercial art if something more interesting (?) doesn't happen first," was the comment of Marcy Higgins.

Already decided was Anne Hunter who wanted to become a social case worker.

To keep herself supplied with the chief product of the U. S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Audrey Rich planned to do modeling (not of the clay variety).

Isabel Noble would follow the footsteps of Mary Carol French with some architecture thrown in on the side.

Alan Bialosky planned to become



—Harry Christian

Above Miss Laitem's fourth-year French class, the smallest in the school, pores over a daily lesson. At the left, Mr. Henry's sixth-period typing class, the largest in the school, works on improving speed and accuracy.

Spanish Leads Latin as Most Popular Foreign Language

Latin may be a dead language, but it is not a dead subject. Although the trend for the last ten years shows a decrease in the number of students taking this course, more are taking it than French or German. Spanish is the most

popular foreign language in the senior high, but many students have had their first year of Latin and French in the junior high.

Advanced French is the smallest class in the school with only five students while there are 36 in the largest, a typing class. The average number of students per teacher is 22. The Shaker curriculum consists of 51 courses of which there are nine mathematics, four foreign language, 12 social studies, two English, four science, four home economics, three industrial arts, two arts, four music, and seven commercial studies courses. This does not include physical education. Shaker's faculty has 62 members who teach a total of 166 classes.

The inclination of boys towards

the engineering field is reflected in the fact that the enrollment in mechanical drawing shop, auto mechanics, and physics is predominantly boys.

Regardless of whether they are going to college, most girls still seem to look forward to a domestic career. This is shown by the high enrollment in the home economics classes. However, there are two boys taking a cooking course. They are preparing for the restaurant business. Mr. Melvin E. Miller said that he believed more boys should take this course as it would be helpful in later life for boys to know how to cook.

Out of the 823 students in the school it is estimated that about 80% will attend college. This year the total enrollment is only nine below that of last spring, but in the past four years it has dropped 90.

John Lawrence

Athletes to Get Letters, Medals

November 23 is the date that Shaker sportsmen will be paid off for the long, tiresome hours they have put into practice. At this Athletic Assembly the coaches will honor the tennis teams, the football squad, and the sophomore team, according to Fred Heinlen, of the physical education department.

The awards will consist of letters and numerals to football players, who have earned them; medals in tennis will be given to Evan Colton and George Kingsley.

Europe Gets Candy

The Y-Teen Club of Shaker, together with all the Y-Teen Clubs of Greater Cleveland, recently sent boxes of candy bars overseas to the candy-starved people of Europe.

In all, nearly one hundred boxes of the bars were sent. Directing Shaker's part in this activity was Judy Gordon, Inter-Club representative.

Tom Deutsch

Players Play Of Gay Days

November 11 and 12, in the Shaker Heights High School auditorium, the Shaker Player's group is presenting the humorous play, *Strange Bedfellows*. Curtain time for this comedy is 8:30.

This play, written by Florence Rhyerson, takes place in San Francisco back in the Gay 90's, the early days of woman suffrage. The plot is concerned with a rich, ex-United States senator, his wife, and their son. The woman's son Matthew has married secretly a suffragette, but the senator strongly opposes women's rights. After the senator finds out that his daughter-in-law is a suffragette, she has a hard but amusing time winning him over to become a backer of suffrage.

Joe Flanagan is cast as the pompous senator, and Mrs. Roswell Lowry is his wife. Matthew, their son, is played by Jack Jirus and his wife is Margaret Snyder.

Strange Bedfellows is directed by Walter Walters, now studying for his Ph. D. in the drama department of Western Reserve University.

Farrell, Leanza Star in Initial School Drama

All Shakerites will certainly want to see Maurice Mullins, otherwise known as Dick Farrell, as the villain, and Beatrice Jasper, played by Norma Leanza, as the heroine in the play, *A Murder Has Been Arranged*, December 9 and 10 on our stage. Other characters are Joan Beyer as Miss Grage, Claire Drazin as Mrs. Wragg, Judy Soloway as Mrs. Arthur, and Carol Kauffman. The part of Sir Chasper Jasper will be taken by Bob Marker and Jimmy North will be played by Hod Power.

The audience will witness many exciting incidents in the play, including the committing of a murder and a walking ghost. There are also times when the characters will have unusual and interesting costumes. The P. T. A. is sponsoring the play.

Sophs State Opinions On Double-Timing Class

In hopes of stimulating more than passive action from the male sex toward their own dancing at noon, sophomore boys were questioned as to their interest in a double-timing class.

Unusual and amusing were the answers received from this question. To most sophomore boys the term double-timing seemed to be new, but when it was explained, the majority of sophomore boys seemed only slightly in favor of having a double-timing class.

George Breckling remarked in answer to this question, "That would be swell."

Tom Scott said cheerfully, "It sounds like a lot of fun."

Jim Flynn, Bill Eichner, and Joe Balazs all thought it would be all right but didn't seem very excited by the thought.

"That would be a good idea," commented Bob Smoots.

"I'd watch," replied Howard Bankhurst in a bold voice.

Mickey Bloomfield, Bob Ruggles, and Kinmont Hoitsma expressed themselves as not being very interested.

Glenn Gali showed the reaction

of many when he replied by shrugging his shoulders as if to say he just didn't know.

Bob Eakin

'Miss Hush' Gives Modern Dance Show

Martha Graham, acclaimed by *Life* magazine as "the foremost figure in the world of U. S. dancing," her company of twenty, and orchestra will give one performance in Cleveland in the Shaker High auditorium, Thursday, November 17, at 8:00 p. m.

Tickets went on sale October 17 in the girls' gym office and will remain on sale until the night of the performance. Student tickets cost \$1.20 and adult tickets are \$1.80 and \$2.40.

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Big Wheels

The time comes when most of us realize that we cannot be "big wheels". Many of us then just support school activities like games and plays and let it go at that. True, what is a football game without rooters or a play without an audience; but merely supporting is not enough. It's about time for some of us to do something positive, to contribute. Being a booster, dean's assistant, snack bar operator or cafeteria helper, will never get you a letter; in these organizations you are merely a cog, not a wheel. But remember, IT'S THE COGS WHO DO THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE THE WHEELS GO! Without them the wheels are useless.

T. D.

Loan Fund?

Recently, in Student Council, it was proposed that the Council operate a student loan fund which would make small loans to students. Such a fund would loan amounts of money, less than a dollar, to students.

Interest rates would be such as to encourage early repayment. For loans repaid within a day or two no interest might be charged; for week long loans the rate might be about ten per cent. Naturally the details would be worked out by the Council, but this represents the basic idea.

The Shakerite, in order to give the students all the possible information on this subject, is publishing the arguments pro and con below. After you have considered the plan thoroughly, mark the ballot, tear it out, and drop it in the Shakerite box mounted on the bulletin board in front of the main office.

MARK YOUR BALLOT TODAY!

For the Fund

The loan fund is an opportunity for students to get the often needed nickel for a telephone call, the money for car-fare, or the fifty cents for lunch without putting the bite on friends. Clearly it would be a service to students.

The Council can handle this project with little inconvenience. Students desiring loans would merely have to sign a card and get the needed money from the treasurer or whoever was appointed to handle the fund.

Even with low rates, the fund would make a nice sum for the Council. Both the Council and the students would profit from this plan.

Against the Fund

Shaker High School does not need a loan fund.

It does not need a loan fund mainly because the demand for one is not great enough; it does not need a loan fund because students who are short of cash can usually obtain what they need from friends; and, furthermore, it should not have a loan fund because of the risk involved in loaning the money.

To operate, for less than five per cent of the student body, a place where money can be borrowed is not worth the extra effort of the people running the fund. Neither is it worth the work that would be involved in collecting the outstanding money of debtors.

'Gunning for the Big One'



Soph Girls Complain; Senior Girls Explain

There seems to be a problem around school these days concerning the sophomore girls. Some of these innocent 10B's are complaining that the sophomore boys aren't dating them, so they have entrusted their problems to the senior girls.

First of all, any boys, when they are sophomores, have rarely dated the sophomore girls; second, we must remember that in the fall, a young man's fancy turns towards football. But if this doesn't soothe your aching heart, here is some advice and remarks from the senior girls themselves.

When asked how she would have handled this problem, Judy Gordon quickly replied, "Date seniors!" Diane Patterson and Nancy Van Dellan popped out with, "The senior girls are the ones with the problem."

"The sophomore girls have three grades to choose from. They don't have to worry yet!" said Katy Narten and Sally Seidman. Mary Alice

Faragher suggested, "Have a party. That'll do it."

Mary Jo Gibbs and Judy Whaley remarked quite assuringly: "What are the sophomore girls complaining about? They seem to be doing very nicely with the junior and senior boys."

Claire Wallach stated, "The sophomore girls should want to date juniors and seniors. They have been with sophomore boys for three years. The sophomore boys will still be there after the present seniors and juniors have graduated, and they'll be tired of the sophomore girls if they're together too much."

And here is some last minute advice! Virginia Boyer says, "Their time will come." Diane Levitt

Mountcastle, Moritz Win Art Prizes

Two Shakerites, Mary Mountcastle and Gib Moritz, recently won honors in art contests. The entries of both of the two juniors will be published. Mary won third prize, ten dollars, in the Sportsman's Craft Catalogue Contest for her work, which will be printed on the cover of the catalogue.

Gib's painting, "Barn Dance," will appear on the cover of the Junior Red Cross Magazine for November. It was one of three from Shaker that will be sent on a European tour in an exhibit of American scenes done by high school students all over the U. S.

EVERYTHING LOST, NOTHING FOUND

The most misnamed corner of the Student Council office is the "Lost and Found". True, everything there has been lost, but the only articles that are ever found are those brought in by Shakerites who never lost them. A few thoughtful souls have taken the trouble to pick up some objects out of the conglomeration of mislaid articles lying in the halls and cafeteria, falling out of lockers, or hiding in obscure crannies in the dressing rooms. In fact Shaker boasts one of the largest "Lost and Found" departments of all the Greater Cleveland schools.

Any student who has had the trying experience of attempting to claim a lost glove or bandanna well realizes the sight facing all who open the two sliding doors to the mess. Perhaps that is why so many things are unclaimed; it is just too much trouble to dig through the piles of scarves, overshoes, bracelets, purses, gloves, glasses, keys, and other items carelessly forgotten at one time or another.

"Uncle Bus" Thrailkill tries to

clean out that section of his office every year by June, to make room for the avalanche the following year. He is rarely successful, however. Even if an auction were held, not everything would go, because some things are just no good to anyone except the person who lost them. Probably the Lost and Found Department will always be crammed, at least as long as Shaker stands.

TRACKING IT DOWN
by
Nancy and Tommy

Recently the Hi-Y organization of Shaker elected its officers for the school year. The boys chosen are the following:

Combined Chapters	Senior Chapter
President—Steve Qua	Chuck Davis
Vice President—John Harwell	Dave Halter
Secretary—Roger Lindahl	Tom Deutsch
Treasurer—George Karch	Doug Smith
Junior Chapter	Sophomore Chapter
President—Les Nash	John Rosenberger
Vice President—Ronnie Carlson	Bob Ruffini
Secretary—Bill Falsgraf	Elwood Smith
Treasurer—Bill Fuller	Howard Bankhurst

Congratulations go to Katy Alexander who was chosen as queen for the 1949 football season; Mary Jo Gibbs and Jerry Mapes were the attendants to the queen. Katy was crowned as queen at the John Hay game, October 22.

Misinterpretation:

By the way of the grapevine (special communication from A. Nonny Mouse) we heard of an amusing incident that happened at one of the band's marching practices. It seems that one of the formations for the Lorain football game was an "L" for Lorain. The band had formed the "L" and was going into the next figure, but Mr. Hammond, their director, didn't like the way they were doing it. As a result, he shouted, "As you were! Everybody go to 'L'!"

Alumni News:

News has come from Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, that Bill McConnell and Terry Miskell have been chosen members of the freshman crew.

At Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, June Dickerson was one of the few freshman to be accepted into the A Cappella Choir.

Home for the weekend of October 28th were Ann Knowlton, Skip Narwold, and Carolyn Kramer from Miami University in Oxford. Jean Cowan was home from Wells College, Janet Frankel, Lois Jacobson, and Karol Breitbart from Ohio University, and Polly Price from Bowling Green University.

Travels Here and There:

The week-end of N. E. O. T. A. found some Shakerites heading out-of-town. Jack Wilharm journeyed to Washington, D. C., to visit Shirley Johnson, who at-



Nancy Glick

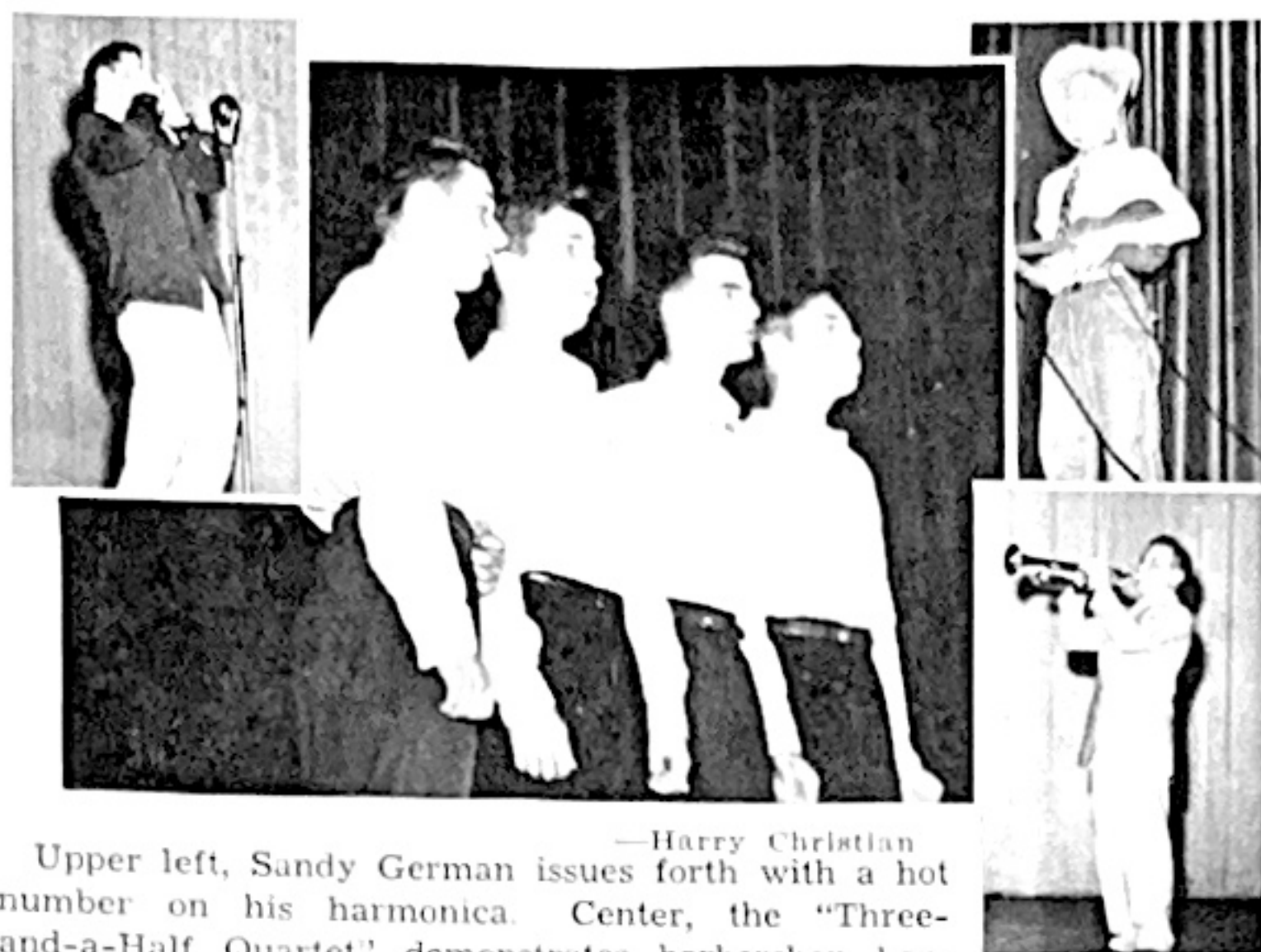
Marge Thomas

tends Chevy Chase Junior College; Joan Lytle, Judy Whaley, and Katy Alexander went down to Denison for three very interesting reasons: Marva Digby visited "relations" in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Twirp Season left some females "out on the limb" as far as the pecuniary angle goes; but then again, some girls weren't bothered by it. It has been rumored that some boys "chicked out" and refused to have their "twirps" foot the bill—we're not mentioning any names, though. Twirp Season officially started with the All-School Party. Some of the couples seen there were Mary Ellen Gazley and Jim Davis, Gabi Weil and Jim Hersh, Anne Prindle and Tom Morse, and Dot Mitchell and Don Kirk, the latest couple added to the steady list. It seems that Diane Patterson, Jody Rausmussen, and Fleur Woods went all out for turn-about weekend by giving their dates corsages. Jim Brown sported one of snap-dragons, probably from Diane's garden, Jody presented Fred Campbell with a huge white pom-pom; and Freddy Soukup was stunned by receiving his first orchid! We're sure that the whole weekend was enjoyed by everyone, and the girls will agree that it was a lot of fun.

Loan Fund Ballot

Are you in favor of a loan fund?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever had occasion to use such a fund?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



—Harry Christian
Upper left, Sandy German issues forth with a hot number on his harmonica. Center, the "Three-and-a-Half Quartet" demonstrates barbershop harmony. Upper right, Don Hale plays the "uke" while singing "Sweet Georgia Brown." Lower right, Bill Hosler displays the trumpet technique that has won him numerous awards in county competition.



In the girls' sports department an extensive hockey program is being promoted under the direction of Miss Komp and Cynthia Meyer. Four groups have been organized to accommodate every girl who is interested in hockey. Every girl learns the fundamental rules of the game in her gym class through class instruction, and for those who are interested in playing after school, intramural teams are organized for each class. Varsity hockey teams are chosen from the most able girls, and finally the all-star team is chosen. This group consists of the best players in the school.

This year the varsity team plays Hathaway Brown School, Heights, and Laurel. Cynthia Meyer, captain of the senior team, will endeavor to lead her senior varsity team on to many victories. The girls on this squad are the following: Beryl Hannon, Cynthia Meyer, Claire Wallach, Bobby Loeb, Judy Whaley, Sally Seidman, Katy Lou Englehart, Barbara Brazie, Judy Jones, Mary Faragher, Katy Anthony, Nan Douda, Constance Pim, Sally Wexler, Nancy Wise, Carol Ann Gibbons, Isabel Noble, and Carol Kitzinger. These girls, along with the sophomore and junior varsity teams, may be seen practicing techniques almost any night on the hockey field, and they have acquired not only a unique knowledge of the sport but also a spirited will to fight for their team.

In the swimming department a search is on for the fastest racers and the most graceful divers and synchronized swimmers of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. An interclass swimming meet is being planned by Miss Barnett and Barbara Van Sittert.

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Thinking of Going Steady? Read This!

As far back as most Shakerites can remember, the problem of "going steady" has always confronted them. "To go or not to go steady" was the question asked one hundred juniors.

Thirty-five of the guys 'n' gals whose opinions were requested in the poll had "gone steady," and 71 of them approved of the procedure. It is interesting to note that the number of the girls who have gone steady is almost the same as the number of boys, and about the same number from each sex give their O.K. on it.

When the same question was put to a number of seniors, the results were almost identical. This seems to prove that age makes no difference in regard to the problems of dating.

Although the following remarks may not be recorded for posterity, here is what the juniors have to say about going steady:

Lucille Fisher commented, "People should date a lot before going steady so they'll be sure of themselves."

"If two people like each other enough to consider going steady, they ought to know it themselves and shouldn't have to exchange jewelry to prove it," was the opinion of Louise Scher.

Says Jim Greenbaum, "The more you see a person, the more you appreciate him (or her)."

Ron Kohn remarked, "If you like a person well enough to go steady, don't, because you'll get sick of them too soon."

"It's wonderful!" exclaimed Early Morrison. "It helps you to get to know a boy well."

"Girls have more fun and better

experience in dating if they date a lot of boys," states Dick Dexter.

"If it is not just to show off, going steady is fine," says Frema Kutler.

Charles Brooks likes the idea because "It gives a fellow a feeling of security, and he likes to know when he's appreciated."

"You throw yourself completely out of circulation by going steady. The only good thing I can see about it," says Adele Stromberg, "is that you're assured of a date."

Grace Weil feels if you really like a boy and want to be with him all the time, you should go steady.

"Aw, it takes too much time and money," concluded Bob Soltz.

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Shaker Downs Hapless Hay, Trips Tigers

Despite a large weight disadvantage, despite the fact that Toledo De Vilbiss was the leading team in Toledo with three wins and a tie, despite Toledo's vaunted reputation, Shaker rubbed the noble faces of the Tigers into the dirt of Shaker's field. When the smoke cleared away, the Red Raiders waltzed off with a 20-12 decision.

Robin Brown passed to Dave Gleason for the first marker and ran the extra point himself. After De Vilbiss got nowhere with the ball, Shaker took over on their own 19-yard line and battered their way to the eight where Brown scooted over for the second touchdown.

In the second quarter, De Vilbiss remembered their press clippings and, inspired to great heights, scored twelve points. However, Shaker came back with six points in the third quarter when Bud Sawchik, after a brilliant 42-yard run, ran from the six. Ky Lewis notched the extra point.

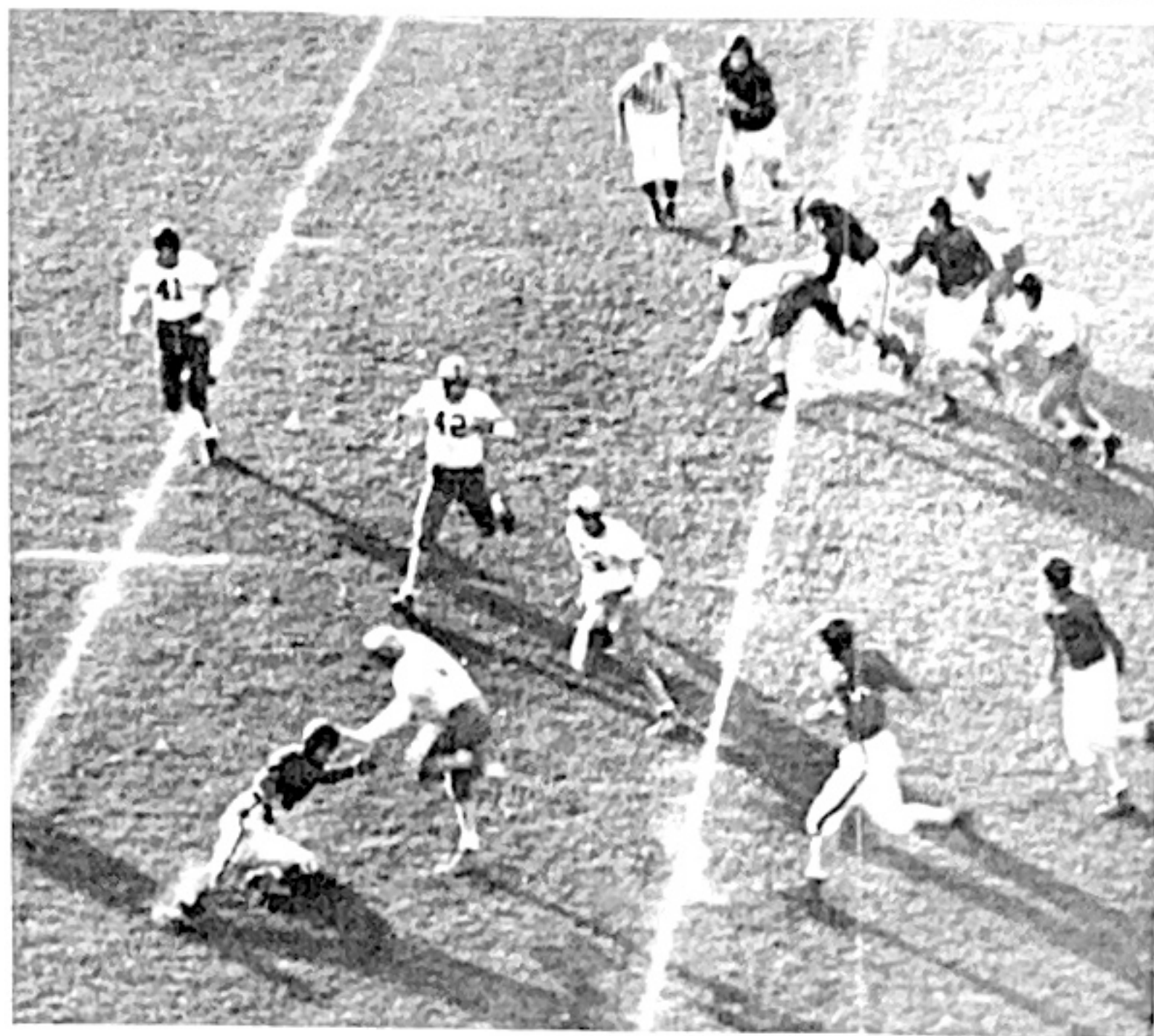
The previous Saturday, Shaker's team enjoyed a mild workout with John Hay. The first string Red Raiders toyed with the hapless Haymen and scored 25 points in the first quarter. Forty men dressed for action and forty men played. Final tabulation showed Shaker with 50 points and John Hay with a goose egg.

TRACEWELL, HALTER CONTEND FOR FIRST

Olsen, Harroff, Speer Win Honors

Highlighting the intramural program this year are the football and badminton schedules. In the one-swim division five football teams are participating, with Bud Tracewell's Period 4 aggregation, and Dave Halter's Period 3 crew tied for the lead. Both are undefeated. As usual, the winners get medals for their efforts. However, Howard Moritz, Director of Physical Education, is instituting something new this year. Photographs of winning intramural teams will be displayed in the hall and on a special bulletin provided by the gym department.

Three tournaments were run off in the badminton program. Players were classified according to grades—juniors vs. juniors, seniors vs. seniors and sophomores vs. sophomores. Bob Harroff won the senior tourney, Dave Olsen won the junior honors.



Credit to Christian
Bud Sawchik reels off a long run against the Toledo De Vilbiss in the game which Shaker won 20-12. Sawchik scored one touchdown and Robin Brown two. These boys, with Angelo Santa Maria, constitute Shaker's scoring threat tonight.



So Be at the Game

Whether you know it or not, each one of you Shakerites is responsible in one way for helping our athletes when they are performing in some athletic contest. No matter whether you are a participant or a spectator, it is up to each individual to support his team. This article has to do with the spectator.

With an enrollment of less than eight hundred and fifty pupils, Shaker Heights High School needs every person who is not out for a varsity sport to come and cheer the team on.

Deep down, the fellow who is out there doing his best for Shaker, wants to be cheered on although he may not show it. Every cheer from you fans, and every note of the band as it plays the fight song and other well-known football pieces, enlivens the enthusiasm of the boys on the gridiron. The truth is that the amount of spirit produced on the field, or in the gym, has a great deal to do with the playing of each individual. So the most important job that each of you Shakerites can do is to make sure you back the athletic team by being in the stands and cheering.

In light of a successful season, it should be impressed upon the students' minds that their help is needed in building up the morale of the team so they will play even better. In past years different people from the other Lake Erie League schools have come up to me and asked how Shaker has such good spirit at all their games. I am proud to hear that our school seems superior to our competitors, but I say to myself that it can always be improved. Sure, a lot of you have dates on the night of a game or you are going out with some of the boys. Why not take your date to the game or bring your buddies to watch your team in action? It all helps in one way or another and it is important to the club that the enthusiasm from our side is big. So in the future let's see all those seats crammed with Shakerites who are cheering our boys to victory.

Dick Dexter

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Tomorrow afternoon the Lake Erie League championship will be decided at our field. At 2:00, the Red Raiders meet the Lakewood Rangers in a contest that will certainly prove to be the game of the year in the LEL. In taking on the vaunted Lakewood eleven, the Shaker gridders will meet a team that is supposedly better rounded than last year's team which went undefeated in league competition. But also, Shaker will field a much better team than the one which put up a bitter struggle before succumbing to overwhelming manpower.

This year Shaker has proved to have a team that can well be the one to send the perennial LEL champs to defeat in a hard-fought contest. The Red Raider team has won its games so far this season because it is not a team of individual stars but one of compact, fighting, united players, all with one idea—to win. It has won because it is in better shape than most of the teams it has played

and so has been able to keep fighting hard when the other team was tiring and slowing down; it has won because it has more depth in every position than any Shaker team has ever had; and finally it has won because it has superior coaching to any team it has met.

There is no one or certain group on our team which deserves most of the credit for

L.E.L. Standings

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Lakewood	4	0	1.000
Shaker Hts.	4	0	1.000
Shaw	1	2	.333
Lorain	1	2	.333
Elyria	1	3	.250
Cleveland Hts.	0	4	.000

the victories this year, for the credit goes to all who have played and thereby helped to gain these victories. Shaker would not have had such a good season if it were not for exceptional punting and blocking of captain Bob Elton, the signal calling, good running and passing of Robin Brown, the speedy running of Angelo Santa Maria and Bud Sawchik, the marvelous defensive play of Dave Gleason, Les Nash, Earl Byrne, Don Kirk, Tony and Mike Cianciolo, and Ron Madison, and the very good all-round play of Ron Shulman, Chuck Rauh, Bob Teisher, Dick Brubaker, and Willis MacFarlane. All these players who have helped so far, and also the elements of team play that have been shown, should really help to make it a very rough afternoon for the invading Lakewood High Rangers.

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